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TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONFRONTATION

1. I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING CLOSELY YOUR REPORTING ON TUNISIA'S CONFRONTATION WITH LIBYA OVER OIL DRILLING IN DISPUTED PORTIONS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. PARTICULARLY DISTURBING WAS TUNIS 2107 REPORTING ON CHATTY'S RECENT MEETING WITH QADHAFI. QADHAFI'S REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE AND HIS VEILED THREAT TO RESORT TO MILITARY FORCE AGAINST TUNISIA CLEARLY PLACES THE ONUS OF FAULT FOR DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION ON LIBYA, REGARDLESS OF THE MERITS OF THE RESPECTIVE BOUNDARY LINES. I BELIEVE QADHAFI'S THREAT SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE PROBLEM WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING HOW THE U.S. MIGHT BE MOST HELPFUL TO TUNISIA.

2. SEPTTEL ADDRESSES YOUR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING
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OVERLAPPING CONCESSIONS AND GIVES OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON POSSIBLE RECOURSE BY THE GOT TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. MORNING OF APRIL 1, AMB HEDDA IS CALLING ON ME AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM.
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